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138490; (D) STATE 137398 (NOTAL); (E) LONDON 08157 (NOTAL);

(F) BONN 10095 (NOTAL); (G) ACCRA 4503 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER THORP INFORMED DEPARTMENT JULY 17 THAT ALL CREDITORS HAVE INFORMED HMG THEY NEITHER HAVE OBJECTIONS TO PARTICIPATION OF LE QUESNE, CHAUFOURNIER, AND SMITH IN CLARIFICATION TALKS, NOR PLAN TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TALKS. ASIDE FROM SWISS, NO INDICATION OTHER CREDITORS INTEND TO INSTRUCT LOCAL AMBASSADORS TO PARTICIPATE.

2. THORP EXPRESSED HMG'S CONCERN AT REPORT FROM UK EMBASSY THE HAGUE IN WHICH LEDEBOER QUOTED STATING US EMBASSY HAD SAID GHANAIS FAVOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THIS WOULD BE PURPOSE OF ACCRA TALKS. DEPTOFF GAVE THORP SUBSTANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS C AND D. AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL B, DEPTOFF TOLD THORP LEDEBOER APPEARED UNDERSTAND US URGING DUTCH TO PARTICIPATE IN CLARIFICATION TALKS ONLY. THORP APPEARED SATISFIED THERE HAD BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE HAGUE.

3. DEPTOFF CALLED THORP'S ATTENTION TO REPORT FROM BONN

(REFTEL F) IN WHICH WEST GERMANS SAID BRITISH HAD GIVEN THEM COPY OF OFFICIAL GHANAIS STATEMENT EXPRESSING PREFERENCE FOR LE QUESNE EXPLORATORY TALKS. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT AS NO SUCH STATEMENT EXISTS, THERE APPARENTLY HAD BEEN LOCAL MISUNDERSTANDING, AS IN THE HAGUE.

4. IBRD HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GOG (REFTEL G) THAT GOG WILLING RECEIVE LE QUESNE, CHAUFOURNIER, AND SMITH. CLARIFICATION TALKS NOW EXPECTED BEGIN IN ACCRA JULY 23 OR 24. RUSH

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